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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office

25X1 SUBJECT : [redacted] Ground Station Equipment for Use at
OXCART Forward Staging Bases

25X1 1. Under our original operational concept, we intended to use
the [redacted] as the ground station at the forward
staging bases. Flexibility of the equipment could allow it to be used in
or out of the aircraft if required. However, closer scrutiny of this
original concept pointed up the need for more positive control over the
ground station with no interference in the movement, placement or
condition of the tankers or tanker communications equipment. The
tanker communications equipment would become an acceptable backup
for the fixed ground station under this new concept. As a consequence
of this change, we now find it necessary to equip four forward bases
with [redacted]

25X1 2. The manufacturer has indicated that equipment will be made
available six months after receipt of the order. To keep within the time
frame of operational planning, arrangements have been made with the
Office of the Director, Program D, NRO, to divert [redacted] radio
stations from Air Force assets to [redacted] These will be
made available in six weeks with replacement in kind in six months

25X1 3. Accordingly, under the concept that [redacted] has
responsibility for the preparation and equipping of the forward bases, it
is requested that you provide the necessary funds for the purchase and

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25X1 installation of four [redacted] ground stations. (See attachment) I feel
25X1 it would be appropriate that the existing Program B contracting
relationship [redacted] be used for this procurement.

(Signed) Jack C. Ledford

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Attachment
As stated

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Approved per [redacted]
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Director, National Reconnaissance Office

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